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GREEN BEAN GROWERS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 28TH IN MARTINSBURG

Charleston, W.Va. – On Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., the West Virginia Department of Agriculture will conduct a meeting at the Blue Ridge Community & Technical College in Martinsburg to identify potential farm operations in Berkeley and Jefferson counties interested in participating in the commercial production of green beans.

The WVDA has identified a private company, D & E Farms of Spring Grove, Pa., that has agreed to supervise the growing and harvesting of 250 acres of green beans, to be grown in tracts of approximately 50 acres each, in the Eastern Panhandle during the 2016 season. D & E will also purchase the harvested crops in their entirety.

“This is another step forward for Agriculture in West Virginia,” said Agriculture Commissioner Walt Helmick. “It is a significant commercial growing opportunity for our farmers. We are excited and pleased that we have been able to attract this private investment from D & E Farms and believe it will lead to expanded green bean production in West Virginia in the years to come.”

All parties interested in being considered for selection by D & E Farms for this project should attend this meeting to obtain further details.

For additional information you may contact Jerry Ours with the WVDA at 304-538-2397 or via email at jours@wvda.us.

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